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## NOW IT IS MEYER FOR HEAD OF NAVY

Thompson Definitely Reported Out of List of Cabinet Possibilities.

## EVERYBODY WANTS FAVOR FROM TAFT

In Spite of Pressure, President-elect Will Select His Own Advisers.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.  
AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—From the cabinet mill, which goes slow but manages its victims exceeding fine, there fell today a blasted hope and a lacerated ambition.  
The first definite development since Senator Knox's arrival here was that Col. Robert M. Thompson, of New York, who has been considered the next Secretary of the Navy, will not be in the Taft Cabinet. After the development, Senator Knox, still wearing the dignified, ascetic expression that is his, went to his room to write letters, and Mr. Taft, smiling as broadly as ever, wended his way to the golf links.  
Meyer to the Front.  
But while one man is massacred by the wheels which are turning out the Cabinet, another gains, and the chances of George von Lengerke Meyer, becoming Secretary of the Navy, are brighter. It was given out today that there may be several announcements this afternoon of appointments, following the second conference this afternoon between Mr. Knox and Mr. Taft. However, it is not certain that any decisions will be reached.  
Although Knox had an engagement to play golf with Taft, Senator Bourne and John Hays Hammond this morning, he found that he had some important correspondence to get off, and gave up the game. Mr. Knox still thinks that Cabinet matters will be sufficiently postponed to allow him to return to Washington Sunday, and he has made train reservations with this in view.  
Great Pressure Exerted.  
The pressure for Cabinet jobs is becoming tremendous. Hitchcock is being asked to push his friends. Hammond is getting similar requests, while Taft and Knox are simply overwhelmed with communications, showing that this is a country inhabited solely by Cabinet timber and men whose greatness is only waiting a chance to exploit itself. But the next Cabinet will be strictly a Taft cabinet. This was developed in the conference between Taft and Knox yesterday. Although Knox has been over-ruled about how greatly Taft would rely on Knox's advice, it is assured that he will select a Cabinet which will mean up first to his ideas and policies. Recommendations are all very well in the early stages of the game, but when the going gets tough, it is working only on material that has already been tested.

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## PRESIDENT'S BOMB TO EXPLODE FIRST

Roosevelt to Make Public Report Before Tillman Gives His Speech.

## SENATOR EXPLAINS OREGON LAND DEAL

Says Executive Merely Has Old Correspondence Showing No Fault.

President Roosevelt has arranged again to outwit his arch enemy, Senator Tillman.  
Immediately following the announcement of Mr. Tillman that he would arise in the Senate on Monday and denounce President Roosevelt for that part of the Hale report bearing upon certain Oregon land matters, the notification was made at the White House this afternoon that the sensational report sent to the Senate, and which has been carefully kept under lock and key, will be given to the public before Tillman can make his speech.  
The fact was disclosed today that Tillman's alleged connection with the Southern Oregon Company was investigated by postoffice inspectors and not Secret Service men.  
This was because of charges that the company was a fraud and the department wished to discover whether the concern was entitled to the use of the mails.  
Tillman Not Trembling.  
Senator Tillman discussed the attack made on him by the President today. He spoke of it calmly and reiterated that he had nothing to fear from any revelations that could be made. He said he was aware the President has mentioned him by name in the material sent to Senator Hale. But he said he would not make reply until he had had time to go into the allegations made in detail. Then he would answer on the floor of the Senate.  
The Senator said he considered it a grave thing for the Chief Executive of the United States to make an attack of this sort.  
That Oregon Deal.  
As to the basis for the charges, Senator Tillman said he had had dealings with a certain Oregon law firm. He said he had been looking into the matter of buying land in Oregon, just as any citizen might, and had had correspondence with a law firm on the subject.  
"The President," said Senator Tillman, "has got hold of some of this correspondence. It is all a matter of the construction to be placed on a single word."  
Defends Oregon Scheme  
Back of Tillman Charge  
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—The circular which was indirectly responsible for the investigation of Senator Tillman by the Secret Service, as disclosed at Washington, and the same circular to which Mr. Tillman publicly objected at the time of its appearance, was issued by the St. Paul and Pacific Lumber Company. It was represented here by a man named Bryan R. Dorr. The circular was issued over Dorr's name, and he insisted that the company's objects were perfectly legitimate.  
The scheme, according to Dorr's circular, was to secure from a number of people the sum of \$500 each to defray preliminary expenses incidental to locating land in the Coos Bay Water Land grant, which the Southern Oregon company succeeded.  
The Southern Oregon Company refused to sell the land for \$250 per acre. It was charged that Dorr's company to form a fund to prosecute the suit against the Southern Oregon Company to force it to sell for that amount.  
The portion of Dorr's "how to make \$2000 out of \$300" circular, to which Tillman took exception, follows:  
"Among those who have spoken for a part of this land is Senator Tillman of South Carolina, the leader of the Democratic party in the United States. A man who usually gets what he goes after. So sure is Senator Tillman of our success that he has subscribed and paid the necessary fees for a quarter section for himself and ten other quarter sections for ten of his nearest relatives."

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## LEADERS IN OUTBURST OF HOUSE



JAMES B. PERKINS. JAMES A. TAWNEY. JOHN J. FITZGERALD.

## "SPECIAL PRIVILEGE" LA FOLLETTE'S ENEMY

Wisconsin Senator Announces That This Will Be Especial Object of His Newspaper, the First Number of Which Will Appear Tomorrow.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 8.—The first issue of "La Follette's Weekly Magazine," controlled and edited by Senator Robert M. La Follette, will appear tomorrow.  
Under the caption, "Claiming Our Privilege to Serve," Senator La Follette outlines the policy the magazine will pursue.  
"It is founded," he says, "in the belief that it can aid in making our Government represent with more fidelity the will of the people."  
"Ten years of investigation and exposure have disclosed corruption in municipal, State, and National Government without parallel in modern history. We have made progress. The people now understand, but they know that back of the bad reports in municipal, State, and National Government, stand special privilege, the real enemy of our institutions, fortified with the greatest wealth and power ever massed for the control of the Government."  
"The battle is just on. It is young yet. It will be the longest and hardest ever fought for Democracy, but we shall win."  
"We shall fight as hard as we can, giving and taking blows for the cause, with joy in our hearts. We shall have no strife with individuals as individuals. If they serve special interests to the injury of the public, they are enemies of the public. Against them, as enemies of the public, we shall make war."  
"With the political fortunes of officials and candidates we shall have no concern, except as they affect the public welfare. Who represents the people in public office is not important. How they represent it is vital."  
"No emolument of position in party or government shall protect a servant of the people from deserved criticism. We shall not shrink from making estimates of men and shall from time to time call the roll in order to disclose the exact position of those who are true and those who are false to public interests."  
"We are quite aware that the course we shall follow throws us directly across the path of many powerful organizations, political, financial, and industrial. We voluntarily assume this risk. From those to whom this declaration is a declaration of war, we ask no other construction of it."  
The first issue announces that Lincoln Steffens, William Allen White, Brand Whitlock, Prof. Charles Zuehlke, Jane Addams, and other reform writers will contribute.  
Mr. Steffens has an article in which he declares that the communities which rank above all others in the United States in political intelligence and in instructed allegiance to Democratic purposes are Oregon, Wisconsin, Chicago, Toledo, and Cleveland.  
Senator Jonathan Bourne discusses the initiative and referendum, as it operates in the State.  
The women's department is under the direct supervision of Mrs. La Follette.

## NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO CLEAN OFF SNOW

Little Work Can Be Done Until Congress Provides Funds.

Commissioner West said this morning that owing to the light fall of snow and its frozen condition no attempt will be made today to clean the cross walks and gutters. The amount available for this purpose is only \$2,000, said the Commissioner, and must be used sparingly.  
Upon recommendation of Commissioner West, the board has addressed to Chairman Tawney, of the Committee on Appropriations, a letter calling attention to the fact that the act passed four or five years ago requiring the cleaning of snow from sidewalks carried with it an appropriation of \$5,000, but that this sum has never been expended, as the law was declared by the Court of Appeals to be inoperative. Congress will be appealed to.  
PINK EYE EPIDEMIC CLOSES THE SCHOOL  
Old Disease With New Name Gets Strong Foothold Among Children.  
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Bustle-ton is busy just now fighting pink eye. The doctors call it by another name, long and foreign sounding, but the old residents of the suburb know better.  
There are at least twenty children who have to stay indoors on account of it. This was the number when the public school was closed by the board of health several days ago.  
EVANS WILL LECTURE.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Rear Admiral Bailey D. EVANS, U. S. N., retired, will deliver a lecture tonight on the cruise of the battleship fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco before the Navy League at Carnegie hall. He will leave for Boston on Monday.  
Seaboard Florida Limited.  
Handsome and quickest train in Florida service. Solid Pullman, electric lighted throughout. Office, 121 Pa. ave. Adv.

## WOMEN OBEY WHIM OF DEAD COMPANION

Only Those Previously Invited by Mrs. George Wood Bid for Her Jewels.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 8.—Invited by cards, made out by her before her death, the friends of eccentric Mrs. George Wood of 123 North Broad street, are the only ones who could bid at the private sale of her personal jewelry. Miss Catherine Craig Biddle, Mrs. Wood's daughter, and Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason, and Mrs. Porter Cooper are now the owners of most of the jewels sold, and it was said this morning that it was Mrs. Wood's desire that these close friends should have them, and that was the reason for "invitations to the auction," held at Freeman's auction rooms.  
One hundred and twenty lots were sold for about \$5,000.  
These included gems, unmounted stones, and a miscellaneous collection of personal trinkets. None of the objects reported to have been missing after Mrs. Wood's death were on the auctioneer's list.  
WIELDED UGLY DIRK IN HOTEL KITCHEN  
Frank B. Suter Goes to Workhouse as Reward for His Trouble at Majestic.  
Fred B. Suter, charged with vagrancy and accused of having terrorized employees in the kitchen of the Majestic Hotel, was today sent to the workhouse for sixty days in default of a fine of \$20.  
Suter was arrested yesterday afternoon by Police Officer Beaumont, of the Sixth precinct, who had been hurriedly summoned to the hotel kitchen. There he found that Suter had been wearing a mask, brandishing an ugly dirk and a bulldog revolver, and frightening the employees.  
PERKINS AGAIN SELECTED.  
SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 8.—United States Senator George C. Perkins has been selected by the Republican caucus as its candidate to succeed himself.

## HOUSE BLOWS OUT MESSAGE BEARING ON SECRET SERVICE

Perkins Committee Is Greeted With Prolonged Applause on Both Sides When It Reports Recommendation That Offense of President Be Tabled.

## BY THIS ACTION RECORDS ARE CLEARED

Republicans and Democrats Join in Common Cause to Relieve Body of What Has Been Considered on Unjustifiable Attack Upon Its Integrity.

To the accompaniment of prolonged applause on both sides of the House, the Perkins committee—appointed to decide what course should be pursued with reference to the President's remarks about the Secret Service in his annual message—today brought into the House a report in which it was declared that the President's reflections upon the membership of that body were absolutely unjustifiable; that his special message dealing with the same subject and written at the request of the House was unresponsive and evasive, and that all offensive portions of the two messages be laid upon the table.  
This action in reality constitutes the elimination from the records of Congress statements of the President, an action which is almost unprecedented in the history of the United States.

By previous arrangement the entire day had been set aside for the purpose of replying to the attack of the President, and the House with the greatest of deliberation set about to heap upon the President the most bitter condemnation. Republicans and Democrats joined in a common cause to relieve the House of what was regarded as a single word of an unjustifiable attack upon its integrity and a rejection upon its intelligence.  
From the moment when Chairman Perkins, of the special committee, was recognized, shortly after the House convened, until late in the day, the President was the target for the most bitter invective that has ever been heard in the House. Few were the friends of the President's outward appearances counted for anything.

Outburst of Applause.  
At the conclusion of the committee's report, there was a spontaneous outburst of applause which was emphatic and prolonged. Similar demonstrations were repeated again and again during the speech of Chairman Perkins, in which he not only justified the report of the committee, but declared that the charges made by President Roosevelt were without any foundation in fact.  
In anticipation of the day, which had been set aside exclusively to an un-

## SOLDIERS SURROUND CONVICTED RIDERS

Military Guard Takes Special Precaution to Prevent Outbreak.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 8.—A strong military guard today surrounds the jail that confines the eight night riders, found guilty of participating in the murder of Captain Rankin. While Judge Jones will hear arguments tomorrow on the motion of their counsel, for a new trial, this evidently is only the usual formality, and the prisoners and their friends believe that their only hope lies with the higher courts.  
The anticipated attempt to rescue the defendants did not follow the verdict of the jury, but this has not caused the least abatement of the vigilance of the military.  
Under the Tennessee law, Garret Johnson, Tid Burton, Fred Phlox, Roy Rankin, Arthur Clear, and Sam Applewhite, found guilty of murder in the first degree, may be sentenced to death or life imprisonment. Buf and Bob Huffman, guilty of second degree murder, are doomed to twenty years' imprisonment.  
Must Act for Self.  
"This House, charged only with its responsibility to the people of the United States and its obligation to transmit unimpaired to the future the representative institutions inherited from the past, and to preserve its own dignity, must insist on its own capacity to understand the import of the President's language. We consider the language of the President to be unresponsive to the inquiries of the House, and constituting an invasion of the privileges of the House, by questioning the motives and intelligence of members in the exercise of their constitutional rights and functions, be laid on the table."  
To Discharge Committee.  
"Resolved, That the special committee and the committee of the whole House on the State of the Union, be discharged from any consideration of so much of the President's annual message as relates to the Secret Service, and is above set forth, and that the said portion of the message be laid on the table; and, be it further  
"Resolved, That the message of the President sent to the House on January 4, being unresponsive to the inquiries of the House, and constituting an invasion of the privileges of the House, by questioning the motives and intelligence of members in the exercise of their constitutional rights and functions, be laid on the table."  
Perkins Explains It.  
Chairman Perkins, in speaking on the report, said that the question for the committee to decide was whether the portions of the President's annual message applying to the Secret Service, were couched in such form that a proper regard for the dignity of the great legislative body should forbid their reception.  
"We are of the opinion," he said, "that the portions of the message constitute a breach of the privileges of this House, and that therefore, following the precedent set in similar cases, the House should decline to consider them."  
Mr. Perkins said that the President had charged that a fear of investigation had influenced Congress in the Secret Service action, and declared that there was the slightest ground for the charge.  
"It is dangerous to the Republic," he said, "that a large portion of our people should have their confidence shaken in the judges who interpret the law; it is equally dangerous that their confidence should be impaired in those who enact the laws, and the duty devolves upon the lawmakers not to allow the integrity of their motives to be lightly questioned."  
"No legislative body will be respected," he said.

## INDIAN CRISIS MAY BREAK TOMORROW

Mohammedan Holiday Likely to Mark Outbreak Against the Hindoos.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 8.—Anticipating a renewal of the warfare between the Mohammedan hordes gathered outside the gates of Titaghar and the Hindoos, the British government is rushing troops from all points in Bengal to the scene. The bull in the fighting is believed to be a calm before a general storm that threatens to sweep all India.  
The Mohammedans are making every preparation to celebrate their religious holiday at dawn tomorrow, when it is expected they will retaliate upon the Hindoos for the desecration of their mosque.  
The English residents are urging the government to grant an inquiry to satisfy the Mohammedans' grievances, as the Mohammedans are the most loyal of the British subjects in India.  
But this the government is loath to do, as it would mean antagonizing the 20,000,000 followers of the Hindu faith throughout the empire already aroused through the effort of the scintillating secret societies.  
PROF. SADLER LEAD.  
BALTIMORE, Jan. 8.—Prof. Warren H. Sadler, president of Sadler's Bryant & Stratton's business college, died at his home in this city today. Prof. Sadler was born in Lockport, N. Y., in 1841, and before coming to Baltimore, had been prominently identified with educational work in his native city and at Buffalo.